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Mr. Allen McCloskey  
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control  
Division of Water Resources  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, Delaware 19901

Re: Discharge Event – 001

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

On October 15, 2009 at approximately 9:45 a.m. Tom Paine, Assistant Supervisor, noticed that the final effluent in the chlorine contact chamber had started to become turbid. Mr. Paine immediately went to the final clarifier to check the effluent quality at that location and found it to be very good and obviously in compliance. At 10:45 Chris Cleaver arrived and found the final effluent to be turbid. He notified Allen McCloskey and took a grab sample of the effluent. Tom Paine notified Tom Brinson of the situation and it was decided to slow the flow and put the plant in recycle. Mr. Brinson arrived at the plant at 11:20 a.m.

The next check that was made was the storm water tank that was collecting all storm water that was being pumped and sent to the treatment plant for treatment. The storm water tank was full and overflowing into the effluent coming from the final clarifier causing the turbidity being experienced. The drain valve was exercised causing a plug in the drain line to clear. The overflow of storm water stopped immediately and the final effluent in the chlorine contact chamber returned to its normal turbidity and appeared to be in compliance at 12:00 p.m. Normal flow was resumed at this time. EnviroCorp was called to take a grab sample of the effluent to confirm that the discharge was in compliance. That sample was taken by EnviroCorp at 1:40 p.m.

If you should have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALLEN FAMILY FOODS, INC.

Tom Brinson  
Corporate Environmental Manager